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Prayers for Big Papi as alleged shooter is taken into custody

Eddy Garcia was beaten by clubgoers before being arrested.

David Ortiz. GETTY IMAGES

Police in the Dominican Republic were investigating on Monday why a man shot and wounded former Boston Red Sox slugger David "Big Papi" Ortiz as he sat in a nightclub late on Sunday, according to police and the team.

The 43-year-old, still beloved in Boston for his role on three World Series-winning teams, was recovering in a hospital in Santo Domingo on Monday from a bullet wound to his back, the Red Sox said. His friend Jhoel Lopez, a television host, was also wounded in the incident, police said in a statement.

The pair of assailants drove up to the club on a motorcycle late Sunday, where one of them appeared to approach on foot and open fire, sparking a panic in which diners fled their tables, according to police and video of the incident posted by local media.

Some at the club then beat one of the suspects before police took him into custody. He was later identified as Eddy Vladimir Feliz Garcia.

Police said they are still searching for the other suspect, who fled on foot. Feliz Garcia had been arrested in 2017 on drug possession charges, police said, adding they had seized the motorcycle used in the attack.

El Nuevo Diario published what it said was security camera footage of the moment the shooting occurred. It showed patrons at the bar suddenly fleeing, leaving toppled chairs behind them.

Ortiz was out of surgery and in stable condition and expected to make a full recovery, his father, Leo Ortiz, told reporters in Santo Domingo, according to CBS.

"Big Papi will be around for a long time," he told reporters.

The surgery lasted about six hours, with doctors removing parts of his intestines, colon and gallbladder, ESPN reported, citing Leo Lopez, a spokesman for Ortiz.

Ortiz remained in the intensive care unit on Monday, but was expected to be flown to Boston later for further treatment, ESPN said.

The Red Sox said they were in contact with the family.

Ortiz started his career in 1997 with the Minnesota Twins, then played for the Red Sox for 14 seasons before retiring in 2016, according to Major League Baseball.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Ortiz's fellow baseball stars were among those expressing sympathy for Ortiz and his family.

Ortiz was famously protective of Boston during his time with the Red Sox, and won international attention for a defiant speech in the days after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing in which he exclaimed "this is our f—king city" on national television.

Former Red Sox teammate Pedro Martinez called Ortiz a "strong man."

"I'm at peace knowing you [are] out of danger," he wrote on Twitter.

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady extended his get-well wishes on Twitter, writing: "Papi defines Boston Strong ... get well soon my friend!!!"

Former President Barack Obama also wished Ortiz a speedy recovery, writing on Twitter that his "spirit and resolve helped us all begin to heal from the Boston Marathon bombing."

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Jimmy Rollins
@JimmyRollins11

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Pedro Martinez
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Noah Syndergaard
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🙏 Praying for you Big Papi

Leo Ortiz, father of former Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz (Big Papi), talks to the press outside the clinic where his son is being treated after being shot while in a bar in the city of Santo Domingo on Sunday. ERIKA SANTELICES/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Julie Ertz (No. 8) of the United States.

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Philly fave Julie Ertz is Team USA's X factor in World Cup

The U.S. women's soccer star and wife of Eagles tight end Zach has an awful lot of love for Philadelphia.

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While the U.S. women's national team doesn't have much Pennsylvania representation, an adopted daughter of Philadelphia is carrying the entire city with her to France.

One of manager Jill Ellis' X factors at the World Cup, Julie Ertz has developed quite the relationship with Philadelphia over the past few seasons.

Ertz (née Johnston) was born in Mesa, Arizona, and knew little about life on the East Coast. She attended and starred at Santa Clara University before meeting her husband, Eagles tight end Zach Ertz, at his school at a Stanford baseball game.

In the condensed version (sparing you from all the mush), the college sweethearts, who married in 2017, are now a power couple in sports.

"Obviously, having him in my corner and supporting me motivates me even more," Julie said of Zach.

Their love story shifted from California to Philadelphia once Zach was drafted by the Eagles, where Julie's fandom has made her a darling of the city.

And the feeling is more than mutual as Julie's eyes lit up the moment I mentioned the City of Philadelphia when we were sitting in the middle of New York City during the U.S. women's national team's media day last month.

"I love Philly so much," Julie told Metro. "The fan base is just different there. And I mean that in the most amazing way. They are behind you no matter what. They'll let you know it. Just to have them care and take so much heart into their sports there, it's amazing to be a part there."

The admiration extends to the support shown by the Eagles, who had Julie with them in Minneapolis when they won their first-ever Super Bowl title in February 2018.

"We dropped in Philadelphia and it's been amazing," Julie said. "Just the support I've gotten from his team and hearing them cheer for me, the connection that I feel with Philly and with the community is huge and it's amazing."

Despite the busy schedules that come with being professional athletes, Zach will be in France to support Julie at her second World Cup after Eagles minicamp ends on June 13.

"Training plans, meal plans — it's all been taken care of," Zach said. "That was a big question mark early on for me. I'm like, 'What am I going to do for three

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Julie Ertz

weeks?'"

While he'll miss the opener against Thailand on Tuesday, Zach will be in attendance for the final two group games against Chile and Sweden.

Like Zach, American fans everywhere will be keeping an eye on where Ellis will play Julie at the World Cup. While she's been a defender for most of her career, she has been a defending midfielder in the past two years.

"I'm a defender first. ... I love being a center back, don't get me wrong," Ertz said. "I love the new challenges of being a midfielder, but it doesn't mean I still can't be a defensive-minded midfielder first. ... I love having my own creativity on the attack and being in there as well, but at the end of the day, I know my role is to break up plays and do whatever they ask of me."

Julie Ertz (8) poses for fans during the send-off.

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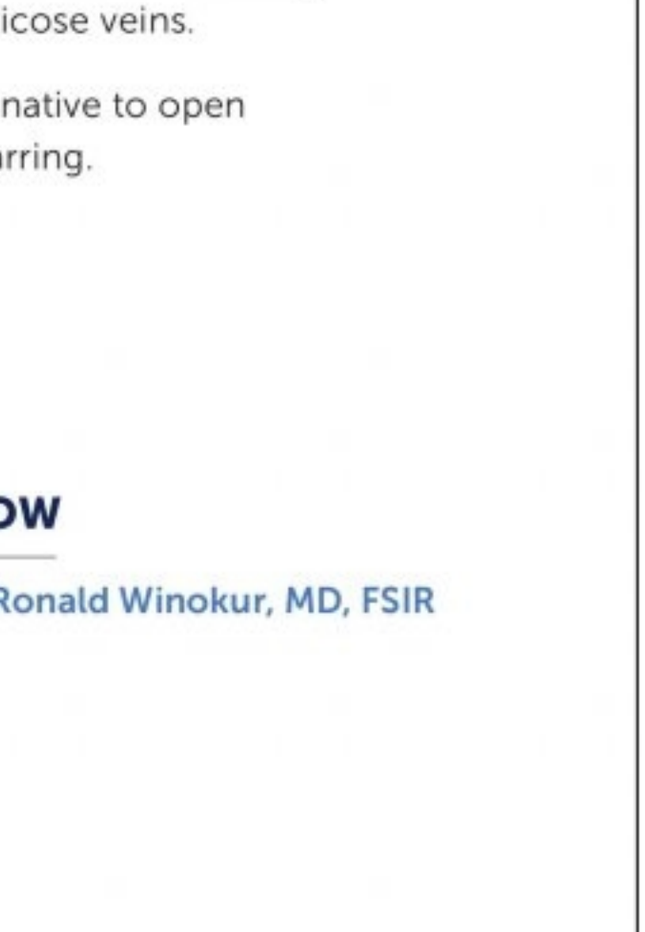

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2 Killed, 9 wounded in citywide weekend shootings

Philly police need information on this weekend's rash of gun violence.

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Two men are dead and nine other people were injured during a slew of shootings across Philadelphia on Saturday and Sunday.

Police have made no arrests in connection to the carnage and are asking the public for help.

On Saturday night at about 8 p.m., a 46-year-old man was shot and killed on the 7900 block of Henry Avenue in Upper Roxborough.

Police told CBS Philly that the victim was a "big player" who was linked to a multimillion-dollar drug operation. Authorities reportedly found 20 kilos of cocaine inside the victim's apartment and outside in the parking lot, with an estimated street value of $2 million.

Later that evening, a 44-year-old man was also shot and critically wounded in Mill Creek, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Then, the next day, one man died and eight others were injured in seven separate reported shootings throughout an exceptionally violent Sunday afternoon.

In West Philadelphia, a 21-year-old man and two 28-year-old men were injured in a shooting on the 5200 block of Kershaw Street at about 2:30 p.m., police said.

Just over an hour later, a 23-year-old man was shot in the neck and a 21-year-old man was shot in the shoulder by two suspects, police said. Authorities said the victims were attempting to purchase drugs behind a restaurant on Frankford and Cottman avenues in Northeast Philadelphia at about 3:45 p.m.

About 10 minutes later, a 38-year-old man was shot in the back on Arthur Street near Crispin Street in Holmesburg, according to the Inquirer.

In Elmwood, a 42-year-old man was shot and killed on South 67th and Dorel streets at about 5:30 p.m.

A 30-year-old man was shot twice at 44th and Brown streets at about 8:55 p.m. in West Powelton.

Finally, the violence came to an end after a 24-year-old man was shot on the 600 block of Lindley Avenue in Onely at about 9:20 p.m.

Survivors were taken to nearby hospitals in conditions ranging from stable to critical. The shootings came the same weekend that advocates across the U.S. wore orange in recognition of Gun Violence Awareness Day, which happens on the first Friday of each June. The NAACP reports that on average, 100 Americans are killed by guns each day, and many of the victims are young and black.

On Friday, former President Barack Obama pleaded with people to speak out and vote for more stringent gun-control laws.

"Last week, it was Virginia Beach. But day after day and year after year, too many families and communities are shattered by senseless gun violence. We can't get numb to this. On National Gun Violence Awareness Day, pledge to speak out, #WearOrange — and vote — to protect lives," Obama said on Twitter.

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Dante Austin. SHERIFF'S OFFICE/FACEBOOK

LGBTQ liaison for Sheriff's Office found dead at work

Dante Austin was also the office's first openly gay deputy sheriff.

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Police are investigating the death of Philadelphia Deputy Sheriff Dante Austin, 27, who died inside the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office Friday.

Austin's body was reportedly found at his desk at 6:45 a.m. Austin was the Sheriff's Office's first-ever LGBTQ community liaison. He was also the office's first openly gay deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Jewell Williams shared the news on Facebook: "He had the highest score on the Deputy Sheriff's exam when he was hired in November 2013. He was our first openly gay deputy sheriff and we promoted him to become our first LGBTQ community liaison in May 2017. He was scheduled to be promoted to sergeant on July 1, 2019."

Police believe that Austin died from a self-inflicted gun wound, but Williams told ABC that an official ruling of Austin death will come from the medical examiner's office.

Austin was also a veteran of the Army National Guard. Williams said in the Facebook post that "Dante was a person who believed in and cared about everybody."

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> **Jewell Williams, sheriff**

Officials lowered the Pride flag at City Hall to half-mast on Friday to honor Austin. Williams said the offices closed at noon Friday and grief counselors were made available to the staff.

William Way Community Center welcomed all those mourning the loss of Austin. Chris Bartlett, the center's executive director, told Inquirer.com, "He (Austin) was part of a growing generation of LGBTQ leadership of color who was poised to take over the reins from community members like me."

Research from the American Public Health Association reports that gay and bisexual men attempt suicide at four times the rate as heterosexual men.

Reginald T. Shuford, executive director of ACLU of Pennsylvania, told Inquirer.com, "Dante's passing is a sad reminder that LGBTQ people have higher rates of suicide attempts and suicidal ideation." He added, "It's a symptom of a society that, while improving, mistreats members of the LGBTQ community in unfair and dehumanizing ways."

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1 Dead as helicopter crashes atop NYC building

A helicopter made a crash landing onto the roof of a Midtown Manhattan skyscraper on Monday, killing at least one person and sending a plume of smoke skyward from the top of the building.

The crash occurred shortly before 2 p.m. on a rainy, foggy day at the 750-foot AXA Equitable Center at 787 Seventh Ave. Dozens of emergency vehicles swarmed the busy area, a few blocks north of Times Square.

The person killed was "presumed" to be the pilot, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference. No injuries, either to people in the building or on the ground, had been reported, he said.

"Thank God for that," de Blasio said. "This could have been a much worse incident."

The mayor said the cause was unknown but that there was no indication that the crash was an "act of terrorism." It was not clear if the weather was a contributing factor.

The chopper took off from a heliport on Manhattan's East Side and crash-landed on the building 11 minutes later, emergency officials said.

The site is about half a mile from Trump Tower, where U.S. President Donald Trump maintains an apartment. The area has been under a temporary flight restriction since his election in November 2016.

Nathan Hutton, who works in information technology for the French bank BNP Paribas on the 29th floor, said the building shook when the helicopter slammed into the roof.

"It felt like you were just standing there, and someone takes their hand and just shoves you," he said. "You felt it through the whole building."

The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that the aircraft was an Agusta A109E, a twin-engine, lightweight helicopter. The pilot was the only person aboard, and FAA air traffic controllers did not handle the flight, according to the agency.

The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the cause of the crash, the FAA said.

Melvin Douglas, 50, who was selling umbrellas on the street, said he heard a "rumble" when the helicopter crash-landed.

"I didn't see it, but I felt it," said Douglas. "Smoke was on top of the building."

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Gemini Challenge your physical abilities and see what you can achieve. More significant opportunities will come your way if you set the pace and standard moving forward. Let others see what you can do.

Cancer Sharing too much information about your personal life or feelings will lead to trouble. Be observant and base what you say and do on what you see and hear.

Leo Help is on the way. If you offer your time or services, you will get high returns. Be careful while dealing with anyone in a position of authority or while traveling.

Virgo You'll experience a change of attitude if you get a close view of what's going on around you. Talk to experienced individuals and help bring about reform.

Libra Put your time and energy into self-improvement, learning and making physical changes that help build confidence and strength. Romance is highlighted. Muster the courage to follow your dreams.

Scorpio You can help others, but don't feel you have to pay for someone else's mistake. Offer suggestions and move on to pursuits that will help you get ahead. Knowledge is power.

Sagittarius Listen to your intuition, not to what someone is trying to lead you to believe. Look for partnerships that are rich in opportunity. Personal improvements will be complimented. Romance is encouraged.

Capricorn Stick to your plan, regardless of what others do or say. A domestic change will lead to a welcome lifestyle improvement. Keep your emotions under control.

Aquarius Alter your life for the right reasons. Don't run away from controversy. You must deal with problems swiftly if you want to gain the freedom to move forward without interference.

Pisces A productive attitude will be necessary. Refuse to let poor influences disrupt your day or cause you to miss an opportunity. Be smart and avoid discord.

EUGENIA LAST

Ryan Murphy, Steven Canals and Janet Mock on the bold second season of *'Pose'*

MACALL POLAY/FX

The category is: "Vogue."

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Tonight marks the return of one of last year's biggest TV success stories, the beloved FX series "Pose," which depicts the vibrant ball scene of early 1980s New York City. The show was co-created by Steven Canals along with the creative force of Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk, and broke serious ground by being the first show on a large network to have significant trans representation both in front of and behind the camera.

The second season will make a time jump and find the characters at the start of a new decade, in 1990, right as Madonna's "Vogue" video is bringing the ball scene to a much larger mainstream audience and the AIDS crisis is ravaging the tight-knit community. The series will also pick up where the first season left off, following the show's main character, Blanca, and her recent HIV diagnosis as she tries to be a good mother to those she takes care of who have been rejected from society and their birth families under her "house."

Ryan Murphy, one of TV's great auteurs of the past 20 years, originally wanted to tell the story of the '80s ball culture after he acquired the rights to do a theatrical retelling of the famous documentary "Paris Is Burning." But when he read the pilot script by Steven Canals, he knew he had to abandon those plans in order to tell this more fictionalized version. That way, they could cast a wider net over what was happening in the community in those years.

"I love the show so much because it's a real story to me," says Murphy. "It's about a beginning, middle and an end. The last season will be in '95-'96, when they develop the antiviral drugs that can help fight off HIV. To me, the show has always been about the demolition of a community that refused to be silenced and stopped. I always found that very moving. The show is very topical because the show is about a group of marginalized people who are saying, 'I have a right to be heard and I have a voice and I belong, too,' and I think that we all drank the Kool-Aid after Obama and said, 'Oh great, we made it!' As you can see, we didn't, and a lot of our rights in this community, people are attempting to remove them. In many ways, this community, the ballroom community, were such pioneers for civil rights. I always tell people, never forget, it was a trans woman who threw the first brick at Stonewall. I don't think a lot of people know that."

Steven Canals had spent years pitching the initial story idea to TV executives until he got the backing from Murphy and Falchuk. Now, the show has been widely accepted by fans and heralded as a triumphant breakthrough by critics. The importance of telling this story with members of the LGBTQ community actually telling it means more given the obstacles being created by our current political landscape.

"Particularly at this moment, when we have an administration that is constantly targetting the LGBTQ community, I think it is critically important for young queer and trans kids to know that they are loved and respected and their lives matter," explains Canals. "I think at least what I'm trying to do with 'Pose' is to create a safe space, a home for folks to go to where they are seen and where they are seeing their experience reflected back in a positive light."

As the story follows characters like Candy, Blanca and Elektra Abundance as they find space within a spotlight that was never there before, their newfound visibility in mainstream society will be something they have to grapple with.

"We all know that visibility is a double-edged sword," explains activist, bestselling author and current writer, director and producer of "Pose" Janet Mock. "On one end you get to be seen, but that being seen makes you that much more vulnerable as a target. But also exposed in a sense that you can go and have bigger opportunities."

Season 2 of "Pose" premieres tonight at 10 p.m. on FX.

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'Pose' stars MJ Rodriguez and Dominique Jackson on finally being given the spotlight

The critically acclaimed show returns for its second season tonight on FX.

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The greatest thing to come out of the groundbreaking and critically acclaimed show "Pose" is that it has shined a light on incredibly talented trans actresses who may never have had the chance to play such prominent roles on television before. As the show's second season premieres tonight on FX, we got the chance to speak with two of the show's stars, MJ Rodriguez, who plays Blanca Rodriguez, the show's emotional center; and Dominique Jackson, who plays the singular Elektra Abundance, who is the most dominant performer on the ball scene and who used to be Blanca's house mother until their falling-out in the first season.

As we enter the second season, audiences in the show and at home are gaining more of an insight into a culture they may not have been familiar with. For Rodriguez, she sees this newfound fame and the responsibility of speaking for her community as both invigorating and intimidating.

"[It's] invigorating in a way we get to be ourselves and live out loud. Intimidating because there are so many things that come our way. And with what we have to deal with and the responsibilities that we have, [it] can be a little overwhelming," she explains. "Just making sure that we speak for our community in the right way and that we do the work that needs to be done that a lot of people out there aren't doing. Whether through our craft or speaking on a platform that we need to be speaking on."

The first season was very educational for those who may not understand the nuances of the trans community. For instance, Jackson's character Elektra had decided to have a sex reassignment surgery, commonly known as a "bottom surgery" within the community, and ended up losing not only friends but the man she loved during her journey.

"Throughout the years, many people have had this misconception about being transgender and they have always come from their comfortability," says Jackson, who has gone through

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this surgery, about what the show got right in this telling. "But we also have to realize that having gender-affirming surgeries, it is a personal journey. Every trans person's journey ends in a certain place. My version of complete was bottom surgery. A lot of people just thought we did this surgery because it's always about 'getting a man' or something like that. They never realize that we actually do lose men, lose friends when we decide to go that route. Because they're not fantasizing about us being our version of complete with bottom surgery. They're fantasizing about us being in this form with 'extra,' as they would put it."

The show has put many of these actresses and creative people behind the scenes who happen to be trans in great positions of visibility, and Jackson is proud to see that the industry is changing around the show's success.

"I've seen more people actually take us more seriously and actually hiring us," she says. "Not just placing us into this box or category that we're only one thing and we can only play that one character. Now, we're writers, we're directors, we're actresses. We're out here actually showing the talents that we have. We're showing that we can do the work. I think that's the best part about it."

After a life of performing in the ballroom scene, Jackson is just happy to see her world be in the spotlight where it belongs.

"My favorite part is to see all of the extras and all of the people I've known in ballrooms over the years, now seeing them have the opportunity," says Jackson. "When you would go into ballroom, you would really think that it was a night at the Oscars, because we put our best foot forward. It was our place to be fantastic and elegant and live that dream."

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Cirque du Soleil’s latest show merges intense acrobatics with impressive ice-skating.

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Cirque du Soleil performers practicing for “Crystal.” ASHLEY SMITH/WIDE EYED STUDIOS

Many have heard of the incredibly exhilarating and colorfully unique show that is Cirque du Soleil. When you think of the three-decade-old entertainment company, you may think of high-flying aerialists, incredible showcases of strength and circus acts on steroids. You will certainly get all of that with Cirque du Soleil’s latest show “Crystal,” but you will also get the element of ice. Cirque du Soleil “Crystal” is Cirque’s first show that brings together ice and acrobatics, making this already-spectacular showcase more awe-inspiring than ever. Metro sat down with one of Cirque’s talented acrobats, Emma Stones, for the scoop on what to expect when “Crystal” comes to Philly on June 20.

What first inspired you to get involved with acrobatics and circus acts?

I grew up as a dancer and I did comparative dancing and ballet, too, which I like but the thing I didn’t love about it was everyone was very cookie-cutter. You kind of have to be the same in order to go far in ballet and I remember one time, when I was in ballet school, I saw a Cirque du Soleil show and I remember thinking, OK, this is the kind of dance I like. It was so unique, everyone was different and there was so much creativity — I loved that it’s what they reached for. So I auditioned for the National Circus School in Montreal because I found out that they

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had a school there, and then from Montreal to doing the circus. Every single person has something different to bring to the stage and they really embrace the fact that you're different and that's what makes you stand out in the circus world.

Were you always interested in performing on ice as well or did working on Cirque du Soleil "Crystal" just happen organically?
Just in general I knew I wanted to work with Cirque since I saw that show, and in circus school it was my dream and my goal. There wasn't one in particular that I had my mind set on, but when they reached out to me for this show, I just thought it would be an amazing opportunity and something that had never been done before. And with the aspect of the ice, it's just also something so special. What I do is trapeze, and they told me I needed to do it with skates on. I love doing the trapeze, but knowing after a couple of years of doing the same thing that there was this new talent and new aspect was very exciting.

Did you have to do extra training for the skating?
I did, yes. We non-skaters, the acrobats, had class every single day with Kurt Browning and some really great ice-skaters in Canada. We had training every day to get better at skating, and then in the show itself the acrobats don't do too much skating, but in the finale we're all on skates. During the trapeze act I'm basically the stunt double of Crystal. So I come out on the ice with my skates on and I have to really make it look like I'm Crystal the main character. It is still kind of daily training to make sure I embody the same version of Crystal so people think it's seamless throughout the whole show.

What do you think the ice element adds to the show?
It definitely adds an element of speed that we don't have as just acrobats. In the first act, we have this [part] where all of the shadow characters come into Crystal's world and half are on skates and half are on Crampons which are shoes that make it easier to run around [on ice]. It's just really fascinating to see, and for the audience to see. You're not too concerned with who's wearing what on their feet but you do see people going really fast and some people going regular speed. It also adds an element of the unknown because it hasn't been done before and people are used to seeing a Cirque du Soleil show with the acrobatic elements. When you look at ice, it just adds this other dimension and it's a little bit unknown and scary but also really beautiful the way it's been put together.

What stunts are you specifically performing in the show?
I do the trapeze act, and I also do the Pendular Falls. I'm [also] one of the acrobats who sees some hand-to-hand and choreography and dance stuff.

Overall, what would you tell audiences to expect from the show?
I would describe the show as definitely surprising and never been done before. It also has a really beautiful story that everybody, no matter what age you are, can take from it and relate to it. It really is beautiful and you add in all these acrobatic elements and all the skating and everything with our bodies — we are also telling a story. It's something that people can really just relate to and be touched by.

Cirque du Soleil "Crystal" will be at the Wells Fargo Center from June 20-23. "Crystal" will move to the PPL Center in Allentown from June 26-30. For more information and tickets, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

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The Bryce Harper signing back in late February had a major impact on MLB World Series odds heading into the 2019 season as Philadelphia had the fifth- or sixth-best odds to win the Commissioner's Trophy at most sportsbooks.

We're now two full months into the MLB season, so let's see where things stand today.

The Phils have the fourth-best record in the National League right now, are in first place in the NL East, and seem poised to be in contention for a playoff spot all season long.

The Dodgers have eight more wins than the team with the second-most victories in the NL right now, but baseball playoffs are much like the Stanley Cup playoffs in that the main objective is to get into the dance. Once in the tournament, just about anything can happen.

Last year, both the Brewers and Cubs finished with better records that the team that eventually represented the NL in the World Series (the Dodgers).

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Women's World Cup Tuesday betting preview

O say can you see … on the sports betting schedule … the United States women's national team will finally take the pitch in the 2019 World Cup.

Unfortunately for fans and bettors, Tuesday's tilt with Thailand (3 p.m., FOX) isn't expected to be much of a game. The U.S. will close as a five-goal favorite — a massive margin you don't often see at important soccer events. Thailand is perceived as the worst team in the tournament. Alex Morgan and company have been virtual co-favorites with host France for weeks at many sportsbooks.

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*Germany "snuck" past China, 1-0, in its opener. The media tended to focus on how China hung tough for 90 minutes and almost forced a draw. Game stats showed a rout, with Germany winning shot count 16-5, shots on goal 4-1, and corner kicks 8-3. The Germans possessed the ball 58 percent of the time. It's very hard for an inferior team to get a result when the field is tilted to that degree.

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The U.S. women's national team opens up World Cup play today vs. Thailand. GETTY IMAGES

The wait is over for the United States women's national team as they open their 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup campaign this afternoon (3 p.m. ET, FOX).

The first challenge for the reigning World Cup champions is Thailand, minnows of the women's soccer world making just their second-ever appearance at the Women's World Cup.

All signs point to an easier victory for the United States, though this year's tournament has already provided a bit of a shock when Italy upset Australia on Sunday.

Regardless, the Americans are the No. 1-ranked team in the world and have high hopes this summer in France.

Manager Jill Ellis will have plenty of things to iron out within her side, though that is usually what happens within a loaded roster.

Here are a few things to watch for as the US starts things up today.

THE DEFENSE

Among the biggest questions is, what will she do with her back line? The United States defense has proven to be shaky against some of the stronger sides in the world, especially against the counter-attack.

Sweden exposed that problem back in the 2016 Olympics and provided a blueprint for the rest of the world for how to break down the Americans.

Considering Thailand is one of the weaker sides in the tournament, it's the perfect opportunity to tune things up in France for Ellis and her defense.

The experienced Becky Sauerbrunn will be looked on to lead what could be a rather inexperienced back line. Abby Dahlkemper and Crystal Dunn are making their first World Cup appearances, with Dunn moving from forward to wing back. Kelley O'Hara was used sparingly at the 2015 World Cup as well.

It makes Ellis' decision on what to do with Julie Ertz that much more important.

Ertz had been a stalwart at center back for the national team, including at the 2015 World Cup, but has since been moved to a holding midfield role.

If Dahlkemper encounters any trouble alongside Sauerbrunn at center back, look for Ellis to move Ertz back to her original position.

CARLI LLOYD AND THE CHIP ON HER SHOULDER

One of the greatest goal scorers in the history of the U.S. national team is likely entering her final World Cup, and at 37 years old, Carli Lloyd could be spending her time in France as a reserve forward.

The United States is stacked up front with goal-scoring and playmaking talent, whether it's in the form of Alex Morgan, Tobin Heath or newcomer Mallory Pugh, who is slated to be the next big star in women's soccer.

Yet Lloyd is not simply going to accept her role as a substitute. No, the New Jersey native, who ranks fourth in program history with 110 international goals, has continued to produce, scoring five goals in her last three matches with the USWNT.

"I'm ready to go and it's going to be a decision for the coaching staff to play me," Lloyd said. "Life throws different challenges at you. I've had a different challenge and a different story line and a different journey going into every major tournament. It's not where you start, it's where you finish."

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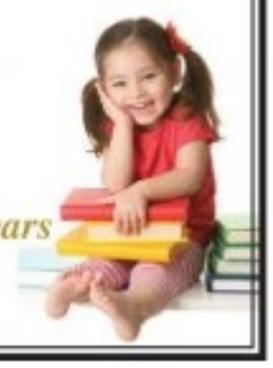

EAGLES MUST MAKE JENKINS HAPPY

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When the Eagles extended Carson Wentz's contract last week, it was cause for celebration at NovaCare. And why not? Locking up their franchise QB for the next six years is a wise move for the Birds and the most significant of their excellent offseason.

But owner Jeff Lurie and GM Howie Roseman must stop patting themselves on the back for a moment to handle one last bit of unfinished business. They need to give safety Malcolm Jenkins a new deal.

Jenkins reported for his team physical on Monday, despite earlier reports he would miss mandatory minicamp beginning Tuesday. All signs now point to the 31-year-old three-time Pro Bowler being present. It's no secret he's displeased with his current contract — which he has vastly outperformed and which contains scant guaranteed future money.

I've seen minor contract squabbles escalate to uncivil wars over the years. Fortunately, most of those ended when Joe Banner left the franchise in 2012. Howie Roseman is smart enough to see what must be done here. At least, I think so.

Here's hoping that the next announcement is a new agreement between the Eagles and Jenkins.

Let's look at the facts:

- In his first five seasons in green, Jenkins played an amazing 98.4 percent of the Eagles defensive snaps, often covering ground for inexperienced or untalented partners in the secondary. Last season he lined up for all 1,177 defensive plays as a safety, linebacker, nickel slot and corner.

Malcolm Jenkins reported to Eagles facilities on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

- Defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz trusts him so much that he'll let Malcolm make changes to the defense on his own during games. His football intellect, his leadership and his range of skills are superlative.

- His value to the Eagles has only increased. With safety Rodney McLeod fighting back from knee injuries, the alternatives at safety are Andrew Sendejo and Tre Sullivan. Not exactly the second coming of Wes Hopkins and Andre Waters.

Jenkins currently ranks as the ninth-highest-paid safety in the NFL, following an offseason with several splashy signings.

There are those who insist that once a player signs a contract, he should always stick by it, no matter how much he outperforms it. That was a fine opinion ... in 1957.

In the current NFL, teams can typically cut players from their contracts on a whim. There are few guarantees. Careers are short and they can end with one wrong twist on the turf. No one should begrudge Jenkins for seeking what he deserves.

And I suspect the Eagles don't disagree. The franchise has taken care of older players in the past (Jason Peters, Darren Sproles) and Jenkins warrants every bit as much consideration. I do not doubt that Lurie and Roseman value his outstanding contribution on the field, in the locker room and the community.

The team has $21 million in available cap space, even after the Wentz deal. There's plenty of room to give Jenkins a bump, a guarantee and still have enough left for in-season extensions.

Jenkins checking into mandatory minicamp is a positive sign. At this point, I'd be shocked if Eagles management doesn't get the deal done by the end of this week. It's the only smart move — and this franchise usually makes smart moves.

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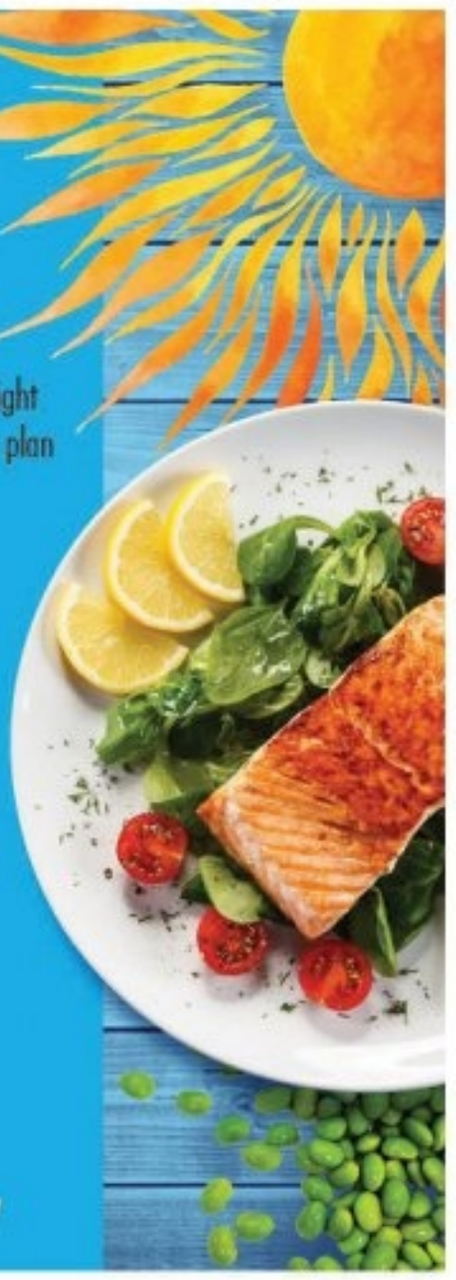

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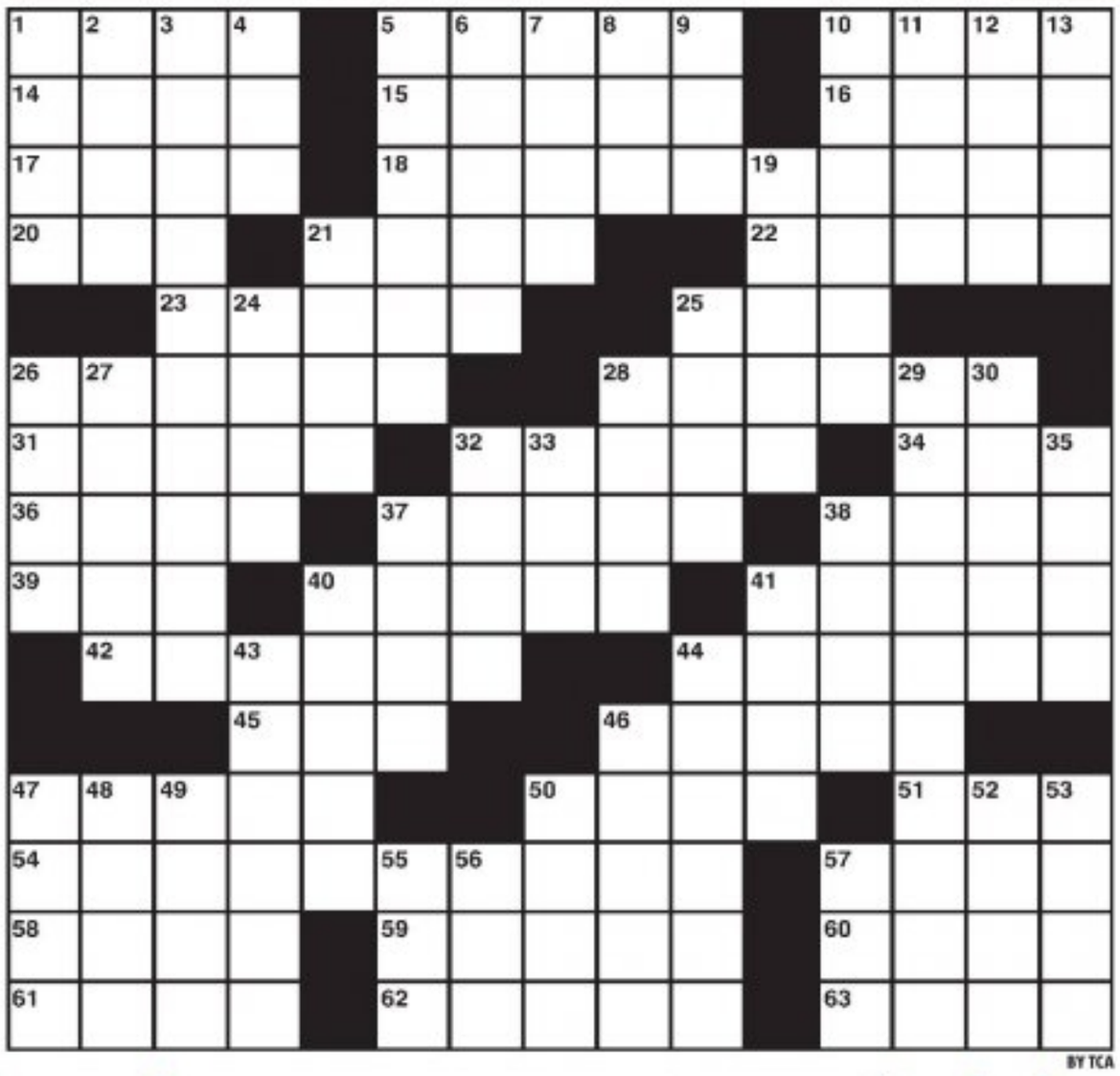

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